

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is required in order to make an examiner's amendment which places this application in condition for allowance. During a telephone conversation conducted on September 9, 2009, Heidi A. Dare requested an extension of time for 1 MONTH(S) and authorized the Director to charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 the required fee of \$130.00 for this extension and authorized the following examiner's amendment. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

- In Claim 1, a new line, - -an infusion tube;- - has been inserted after line 2.
- In Claim 1, lines 5-8 have been deleted.
- In Claim 1, line 12, the word, "to" has been replaced by the word - -from- -.
- In Claim 1, line 14, the phrase, - -to correspond to said diameter of said infusion tube or slightly smaller- - has been inserted after "sized".
- In Claim 1, line 16, new paragraph, - -; and at least one elongate slot arranged in at least one of said walls such that said infusion tube can pass through said wall, the slot sized to have a width which is greater than or equal to a diameter of the infusion tube, said at least one slot extending from a periphery of the wall radially towards a center of the wall to

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substantially said connecting element - -, has been inserted before the period.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to WILLIAM E. DONDERO whose telephone number is (571)272-5590. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 7:00 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Q. Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-6952. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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